

Hello KCFFI Collaborative Partners,

We hope 2008 is going very well so far! Below is an update and overview of the happenings of the King County Food and Fitness Initiative.

Site Selection

The site selection committee met on December 20, 2007. The committee has representatives from the potential focus communities and five others representing expertise in food and fitness. The group finalized a request for qualifications document to be used as an application from the potential focus communities. The final document was sent to the communities on December 31, 2007 and completed applications are due January 31, 2008. At this time, we expect to see up to 7 applications.

Leadership Council

Eleven members will initially start the Leadership Council (LC) with more to be added once focus communities are selected. Member names and affiliations are on the KCFFI website: <http://king.wsu.edu/foodandfarms/KCFFILeadership.html>. The first meeting of the LC will be this week. After the community site selection is completed, community residents and youth will be added to the council.

Youth Engagement and Coordination

We have a new youth coordinator! International District Housing Alliance will coordinate the youth engagement and coordination of youth serving collaborative partners for the KCFFI with support from a Seattle Foundation grant. Please stay tuned for more news of youth-focused work.

Assessment

The Assessment work has begun with regional assessments of the food system and the built environment. Once the focus communities are selected, community assessments will begin. Any Collaborative Partner may get involved in these assessments so please let us know if you are interested! We will let you know more about specific opportunities as they arise.

National Food and Fitness Initiative

The annual National FFI Co Convener Meeting was held in Miami Florida January 22-24, 2007. Martha Aitken, Maggie Anderson and Erin MacDougall attended the meeting to represent KCFFI.

The National FFI Youth Engagement meeting is March 14-16 in Tucson, AZ. Two to five youth from King County along with the new youth coordinator will attend.

The next National FFI conference will be June 22-24 in Detroit, Michigan where 20 people from each site will be invited to attend.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or ideas. Maggie Anderson, Program Coordinator, may be reached at 206-205-3186 or maggie.anderson@kingcounty.gov

Sincerely,

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